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**Insurance Committee Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony Submitted regarding**

**SB 1023 AAC Revisions to the Health Insurance Statutes**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is pleased to support the Department's proposal, SB 1023, which seeks to comport Connecticut's statutes with the provisions of the Affordable Care Act. Respectfully, however, we'd like to suggest one modification to Section 17 (4)(A) in the definition of small employer which proposes to increase the threshold from 50 to 100 employees. It's our understanding that there is some discussion at the federal level about postponing the effective date of the aforementioned provision and we'd ask that the language of SB 1023 be modified to adhere to the current federal standard in effect on and after January 1, 2016 so that Connecticut, via adoption of SB 1023, is not an outlier in terms of implementation. We look forward to working with the Committee and the Department as this bill makes its way to the floor.

Many thanks for your consideration.